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SUBJECT : Use of Idle Tankers for Storage

The attached memorandum is in response to your request
for information on the potential use of tankers for static
petroleum storage. If you have further questions, please
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Availability of Idle Petroleum Tankers for Static Storage

Data compiled by H.P. Drewry -- London shipping consultants -- indicate that 34.3 million deadweight tons (DWT) of tankers -- nearly 13% of the world oil fleet -- were inactive as of the end of July, 1975. This figure does not include data on flag and location of the laid-up tankers, but this is available in other sources. One survey, for example, counted 386 foreign-flag tankers aggregating 26.5 million DWT laid-up or idle as of early June, a third of which were Norwegian flag. (see Tables 1 and 2). Of the Very Large Crude Carriers (VLCCs), 45 percent -- mostly Norwegian-owned -- were laid up in Norwegian waters (see Table 3). A mid-August MARAD survey found 32 US-flag tankers aggregating nearly 1.4 million DWT laid-up or idle, nearly all in US ports (see Attachment I). Most of the idle or laid-up tankers could be easily chartered and returned to service within a few days, but a massive surplus is expected to persist for several years.

Rather than scrapping serviceable tankers prematurely, various alternatives are being considered for minimizing investment losses during the readjustment period. Their employment as temporary static petroleum storage is under consideration in some quarters, but this alternative is extremely limited.

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The Japanese Shipowners Association stated in mid-August that the employment of idled Japanese tankers as static petroleum storage is one of its recent proposals to the Ministry of Transport for government aid. This proposal apparently has been under consideration by government and industry for some time, but often denied.

We have no firm indication of how much tanker tonnage the Japanese believe could be effectively employed as static storage. Although the proposal is keyed to a plan to increase the national petroleum stockpile for the next 5 years by 222 million barrels^{*/}. The equivalent of nearly 28 million DWT of tanker capacity, it seems unlikely that tankers would be used for more than a small fraction of the required capacity.

We believe that Tokyo will accede in some degree to the JSA proposal. Although government aid to the shipping industry has been trimmed over the past two years as industry profits soared to record levels, it has been a major factor behind the industry's

*/ The Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) in 1972 initiated a three-year plan to increase Japan's petroleum stockpile to 280 million barrels -- a 60 day reserve -- by 31 March 1975. MITI is now overseeing a five-year plan to increase the nation's reserve to 502 million barrels -- a 90 day reserve at the projected 1980 level of consumption -- by the end of March 1980. For additional details of this plan see the Japan Petroleum Weekly, 21 October 1974 (copy attached).

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remarkable growth over the past 15 years. In view of this, it is unlikely that the pleas of the particularly distressed tanker operators will be ignored.

If the government does decide to support the petroleum carriers, the temporary employment of some tankers for static storage could be preferable to subsidy grants. This would be particularly likely if MITI attaches some urgency to the expansion of national petroleum reserves, either as a hedge against further price increases or against the possibility of another disruption of petroleum supplies by OPEC.

Another factor favoring the proposal is the obligation of operators of Japanese flag ships to continue to pay full crew costs even if a ship is laid up. Thus, cost differentials between lay up and continued operations are minimal. An extreme shortage of land-based sites for industrial expansion is another factor. On the other hand, suitable anchorages for larger tankers are scarce, and the protests of environmentalists and fishermen to floating storage could become a limiting factor.

In addition to the JSA proposal, Philippine government officials in July informed Japanese ship operators of their interest in the possible employment of Japanese tankers for static storage. Nothing further has been heard of that approach as yet.

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Oil producers are now giving more serious consideration to the use of tankers as an alternative to new investment in pipelines and land-based storage. Aramco, for example, has employed the 226,800 DWT "F.A. Davies" for static storage in conjunction with 2 monobouys at Zuluf and Marjan fields in the Persian Gulf since early 1973. This mode of operation permits loading of the largest tankers now in service in 100 foot water depths. Similar monobouy-tanker offloading systems are being used in current North Sea development to avoid costly offshore pipeline construction.

More than 90% of tanker capacity is designed for the transport of crude petroleum rather than petroleum products. Crude carriers can be cleaned and used for product storage, but at increased risk and with greater likelihood of storage losses and environmental contamination, especially in the case of older ships and more volatile cargoes. For the transport and storage of gasoline and other finished products, tankers of 30,000 DWT, or less -- about 10% of the world tanker fleet -- are more suitable for service in the many shallow water ports than the larger petroleum carriers.

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Table I

Foreign-flag Tankers Laid-up or Idle, by Flag
as of June 1975

| <u>Flag</u> | <u>Number of Ships</u> | <u>Tonnage 000 DWT</u> | <u>Percentage of Total Tonnage</u> |
|-------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Total | <u>386</u> | <u>26,522</u> | <u>100</u> |
| Norway | 77 | 8,772 | 33 |
| Liberia | 129 | 2,063 | 8 |
| Greece | 51 | 1,808 | 7 |
| UK | 24 | 1,664 | 6 |
| Italy | 20 | 1,317 | 5 |
| Other | 85 | 10,898 | 41 |

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Table II

Foreign-flag VLCC^{1/} Tankers Laid-up or Idle, by Location
as of June 1975

| <u>Location</u> | <u>Number of Ships</u> | <u>Tonnage 000 DWT</u> | <u>Percentage of Total Tonnage</u> |
|-----------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Total | <u>35</u> | <u>8,833</u> | <u>100</u> |
| Norway | 15 | 3,995 | 45 |
| Greece | 4 | 893 | 10 |
| Sweden | 3 | 788 | 9 |
| Italy | 3 | 718 | 8 |
| US | 2 | 570 | 6 |
| Singapore | 1 | 309 | 4 |
| France | 1 | 280 | 3 |
| Persian Gulf | 1 | 228 | 3 |
| England | 1 | 227 | 3 |
| W. Germany | 1 | 219 | 2 |
| Other | 3 | 609 | 7 |

^{1/} Very Large Crude Carriers (VLCCs) are those tankers with capacities greater than 175,000 DWT.

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Table III

Foreign-flag Tankers Laid-up or Idle, by Location
as of June 1975

| <u>Location</u> | <u>Number of Ships</u> | <u>Tonnage 000 DWT</u> | <u>Percentage of Total Tonnage</u> |
|-----------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Total | <u>386</u> | <u>26,522</u> | <u>100</u> |
| Norway | 67 | 8,234 | 31 |
| Greece | 136 | 6,469 | 24 |
| Italy | 34 | 2,186 | 8 |
| Sweden | 20 | 1,969 | 7 |
| US | 14 | 1,126 | 4 |
| Japan | 7 | 713 | 3 |
| Singapore | 11 | 689 | 3 |
| Denmark | 8 | 563 | 2 |
| W. Germany | 4 | 547 | 2 |
| England | 11 | 531 | 2 |
| Other | 74 | 3,495 | 13 |

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U.S. FLAG TANKERS IDLED OR IN LAY-UP:

| <u>DWT</u> | <u>SHIP</u> | <u>POSITION</u> | <u>IDLE COMMENCE</u> |
|------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| 43,506 | ACHILLES (*) (X) | Tampa | 4/7/75 |
| 24,437 | ALASKAN (CHEM) | Port Neches | 8/11/75 |
| 34,890 | AMERICAN EAGLE (X) | Port Arthur | 8/4/75 |
| 31,857 | ATLANTIC ENTERPRISE (+) (X) | Norfolk | 5/22/75 |
| 26,621 | BIRCH COULIE (X) | Orange | 8/27/74 |
| 225,280 | BROOKLYN (*) | Aalasund, Norway | 5/12/75 |
| 34,779 | CITIES SERVICE MIAMI (+) (X) (IDLE) | Port Arthur | 7/17/75 ✓ |
| 34,750 | CITIES SERVICE NORFOLK (+) (IDLE) (REPAIR) | Port Arthur | 7/26/75 ✓ |
| 20,471 | DAVID E. DAY (+) (X) | Mobile | 4/12/75 |
| 33,719 | EAGLE VOYAGER (*) | Georgia | 3/7/75 |
| 24,404 | HESS BUNKER (+) (X) | Mobile | 8/17/74 |
| 24,483 | HESS PETROL (+) | Mobile | 4/13/75 |
| 24,438 | HESS REFINER (+) (X) | Mobile | 4/7/75 |
| 24,513 | HESS TRADER (+) (X) | Mobile | 8/19/74 |
| 80,759 | JOSEPH D. POTTS | Philadelphia | 7/17/75 ✓ |
| 20,872 | JULESBURG (X) | Orange | 8/5/74 |
| 18,635 | KEYTANKER | Orange | 7/7/75 ✓ |
| 17,272 | LELAND I. DOAN (CHEM) (X) | Savannah | 7/25/75 ✓ |
| 113,947 | MANHATTAN (*) (X) | Brooklyn | 10/31/74 |
| 49,330 | MOBIL MERIDIAN (+) (IDLE) | Port Arthur | 5/19/75 |
| 49,451 | MONTPELIER VICTORY (*) (X) | Baltimore | 3/20/75 |
| 47,184 | MOUNT WASHINGTON (*) | MSC Charter | 7/17/75 ✓ |
| 28,468 | OGDEN YUKON (X) | Tampa | 8/20/75 |
| 31,167 | OVERSEAS EVELYN (X) | Mobile | 1/21/75 |
| 31,226 | OVERSEAS ROSE (X) | Port Arthur | 1/20/75 |
| 80,569 | SOHIO RESOLUTE (*) (X) | Philadelphia | 1/8/75 |
| 21,010 | TEXAN (+) (X) | Mobile | 2/13/75 |
| 20,285 | TRANSERIE (X) | Port Arthur | 8/27/74 |
| 28,684 | TRANSPANAMA (X) | New York | 1/13/75 |
| 20,276 | TRANSSUPERIOR | Port Neches | 8/11/74 |
| 82,199 | ULTRAMAR (OBO) (*) (X) | Jacksonville | 1/28/75 |
| 16,735 | VIRGINIA TRADER | Newport News | 8/1/75 ✓ |
| 1,366,217 | 32 ships | | |

SUMMARY

| | | | |
|----|--------------------------|----|-----------------|
| a) | (*) Title XI ships | 8 | (675,855 DWT) |
| b) | Idle ships: Tankers | 29 | (1,242,309 DWT) |
| | OBOs | 1 | (82,199 DWT) |
| | Chem | 2 | (41,709 DWT) |
| c) | (+) Proprietary Carriers | 10 | (290,035 DWT) |
| | Independents | 22 | (1,076,182 DWT) |
| d) | (X) USCG Cert. Expired | 22 | (807,901 DWT) |

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JAPAN ENVISAGES 90-DAY OIL STOCKPILE BY FISCAL 1979 END

Japan is expected to hold a 90-day oil stockpile* by the end of fiscal 1979 - i.e. March 31, 1980. The 90-day target is based on the estimated inland consumption of fuel type products - i.e. gasoline, naphtha, jet fuel, kerosine, gas oil, fuel oils A, B, and C - during calendar 1979, in accordance with the formula being employed by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

This is the final objective of the new five-year plan recently worked out and published on October 3, 1974 by the Resources & Energy Agency of the Ministry of International Trade and Industry in line with Japan's proposed participation in the International Energy Program recently formulated in Brussels by the twelve-nation Energy Coordination Group and scheduled to be adopted at the OECD meeting to be held mid November of this year.

As of the end of fiscal 1971, Japan's oil stockpile totalled 30.1 million kiloliters, or 189 million barrels, representing 43.2-day stocks, which was extremely at a low level judged from the OECD standards. Beginning in fiscal 1972, MITI initiated a three-year plan for raising the nation's oil stockpile up to 44.5 million kiloliters, or 280 million barrels, 60-day level by the end of fiscal 1974. In an effort to further raise the oil stockpile, MITI now envisages a far more ambitious plan, building up the additional 30-day stockpile in next five years, thereby increasing the stockpile up to 79.8 million kiloliters, or 502 million barrels, 90-day level by the end of fiscal 1979.

It should be clarified here that the basis for the current three-year plan shooting for the 60-day target by the end of fiscal 1974 considerably differs from the basis for the new five-year plan aiming at the 90-day target by the end of fiscal 1979, as compared below:

| | <u>Current 3-Year Plan</u> | <u>New 5-Year Plan</u> |
|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Stockpile target | 280 million bbls, or 60-day stocks by the end of <u>fiscal 1974</u> | 502 million bbls, or 90-day stocks by the end of <u>fiscal 1979</u> |
| Basis on which day-stocks are computed | Inland consumption during <u>fiscal 1975</u> (MITI formula) | Inland consumption during <u>calendar 1979</u> (OECD formula) |

(*) Includes running stocks, as the Japanese way of using the word "stockpile" implies.

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Illustrated otherwise, the oil stockpile of 280 million barrels, which will be reached by the end of fiscal 1974, or 60-day stocks by MITI formula - i.e. on the basis of inland consumption during fiscal 1975 which is the twelve-month period immediately following fiscal 1974, will represent 66-day stocks, if computed by OECD formula - i.e. on the basis of inland consumption during calendar 1974 which is the twelve-month calendar year immediately preceding the end of fiscal 1974.

The new five-year plan calls for promulgation of the "Oil Stockpile Law", draft for which now is being prepared by MITI, and establishment of a new Government-run corporation to be named "Oil Stockpile Corporation". The Corporation will be responsible, among others, for the following:

- (1) Purchase of land and construction of oil storage facilities for holding 15-day stocks (out of 90-day stocks) as of the end of fiscal 1979.
- (2) Borrowing money from outside and re-lending the same as "free of interest" loan to refiners to financially help them purchase land and construct oil storage facilities for holding 75-day stocks as of the end of fiscal 1979.
- (3) Borrowing money from outside and re-lending the same as "free of interest" loan to refiners to financially help them purchase additional quantities of crude oil to build up 90-day stocks as of the end of fiscal 1979.

The foregoing loan to refiners will finance 90 per cent of total capital expenditures required on the part of refiners, the Corporation absorbing the whole amount of interest to be charged on the borrowed money.

Summarized below are the key figures of the five-year plan:

- Symbols:
- (A) = No. of days of oil stocks as of the end of fiscal year concerned.
 - (B) = Inland consumption of fuel type products according to the latest five-year (fiscal 1974-1978) petroleum demand forecast on a fiscal year basis*. (See JPW dated October 7, 1974)
 - (C) = Inland consumption of fuel type products on a calendar year basis, as computed by multiplying the (B) figure by a factor of 0.9635.
 - (D) = Stockpile of fuel type products required as of the end of fiscal year concerned. = (C) x (A)/365 or 366
 - (E) = Stockpile of fuel type products to be built up during the fiscal year concerned.
 - (F) = Stockpile of crude oil to be built up during the fiscal year concerned.

The starting point of the following table for the five-year period (fiscal 1975-1979) is the end of fiscal 1974, at which time the Japanese refiners are supposed to have a combined stockpile totalling 44.5 million kiloliters, or 280 million barrels. This 44.5 million-kiloliter stockpile is equivalent to 60-day stocks based on the inland consumption of fuel type products during the subsequent twelve-month period - i.e. fiscal 1975, as illustrated below:

$$271.8 \text{ million kl's} \times 60/366 = 44.5 \text{ million kl's}$$

- (*) The inland consumption forecast for fiscal 1979, which is missing in the latest five-year (fiscal 1974-1978) plan, is assumed to be 5.6 per cent higher than that for fiscal 1978.

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| <u>Fiscal Year</u> | <u>(A)</u> | <u>(B)</u> | <u>(C)</u> | <u>(D)</u> | <u>(E)</u> | <u>(F)</u> |
|--------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 1975 | 70 | 271,753 | 261,834 | 50,200 | 5,700 | 6,200 |
| 1976 | 75 | 288,672 | 278,135 | 57,000 | 6,800 | 7,200 |
| 1977 | 80 | 302,040 | 291,016 | 63,800 | 6,800 | 7,200 |
| 1978 | 85 | 318,245 | 306,629 | 71,400 | 7,600 | 8,300 |
| 1979 | 90 | 336,067 | 323,800 | 79,800 | 8,400 | 9,200 |

As shown in the foregoing table, Japan's oil stockpile will be increased from 44.5 million kiloliters as of the end of fiscal 1974 up to 79.8 million kiloliters as of the end of fiscal 1979, both in terms of refined fuel type products. In terms of crude oil, these figures become 48.4 and 86.7 million kiloliters respectively. While the stockpile itself is wholly owned by the industry, the facilities to hold that stockpile will be shared by the industry and the Corporation (i.e. Government) as shown below:

| <u>(Unit: Million Kiloliters)</u> | <u>Product Basis</u> | <u>Crude Basis</u> |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| A. End of fiscal 1974 (60-day stocks wholly owned by industry) | 44.5 | 48.4 |
| B. End of fiscal 1979: | | |
| 75-day stocks owned by industry | 66.5 | 72.3 |
| 15-day stocks owned by Corporation | 13.3 | 14.4* |
| | 79.8 | 86.7 |
| Incremental (B - A): | | |
| Owned by industry | 22.0 | 23.9 |
| Owned by Corporation | 13.3 | 14.4* |
| | 35.3 | 38.3 |

(*) In actuality, 2.6 out of 14.4 will be taken care of by industry, as already included in the CTS (central terminal station) expansion plan, thus making 11.8 to be owned by Corporation.

In addition to the foregoing financial assistance by the Corporation in the form of sharing a part of the facilities and of providing the interest-free loan to refiners to help them purchase crude oil and construct the storage facilities, the special taxational preference as outlined below will be given to refiners in their efforts to increase the oil stockpile:

- (1) Special depreciation applicable to crude oil storage tanks
An accelerated depreciation will be allowed on crude oil storage facilities by doubling the amount of the ordinary depreciation.
- (2) Reduced property tax rate applicable to crude oil storage tanks
Property tax rate on crude oil storage facilities will be reduced down to one-third of the ordinary rate.
- (3) Special funds will be granted to local Governments of towns and villages where oil stockpile facilities will be built, which will be used for the betterment of the welfare facilities for local citizens, so that the opposition by the local inhabitants against the oil stockpile project can be minimized.

The following table summarizes the MITI-drafted budget for the new five-year plan for increasing the oil stockpile. It will be noted that the amount of budget will total 1,711,400 million yen, or equivalent to approximately \$5,700 million - broken down into 666,600 million yen in the General Account and 1,044,800 million yen in the Fiscal Loan & Investment Program:

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(Unit: ¥Million)

| A. General Account: | Fiscal 1975 | Fiscal 1976 | Fiscal 1977 | Fiscal 1978 | Fiscal 1979 | Fiscal 1980 | Cumulative Total |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Construction of stockpile terminals | | | | | | | |
| No.1 project | 48,100 | 50,800 | 82,100 | 62,100 | 12,700 | - | 253,800 |
| No.2 project | 7,000 | 24,000 | 23,200 | 20,400 | 4,200 | - | 78,800 |
| | 55,100 | 81,200 | 107,300 | 82,500 | 17,100 | - | 325,200 |
| Grants to local governments | 7,000 | 10,700 | 12,400 | 10,200 | 8,900 | 2,400 | 57,600 |
| Absorption of differential interest by Corporation | 5,800 | 20,400 | 37,000 | 50,900 | 62,900 | 70,400 | 227,400 |
| Reserve for bad debts | 1,500 | 2,400 | 2,100 | 1,900 | 1,700 | 900 | 10,500 |
| Overhead and general administration | 1,200 | 900 | 900 | 900 | 900 | 900 | 5,700 |
| Total | 70,600 | 115,800 | 159,700 | 149,400 | 91,500 | 80,600 | 666,600 |
| B. Fiscal Loan & Investment Program: | | | | | | | |
| Loan for financing purchase of land | 42,700 | 53,300 | 23,200 | 18,500 | - | - | 137,700 |
| Loan for financing construction of stockpile facilities | 52,000 | 52,800 | 44,200 | 17,800 | 5,700 | - | 172,500 |
| Loan for financing import of crude oil for stockpile use | 59,000 | 129,500 | 141,200 | 150,000 | 167,100 | 87,800 | 734,600 |
| Total | 153,700 | 235,600 | 208,600 | 186,300 | 172,800 | 87,800 | 1,022,800 |
| General Account and Fiscal Loan & Investment Program (A + B) | | | | | | | |
| | 224,300 | 351,400 | 368,300 | 332,700 | 264,300 | 168,400 | 1,711,400 |

(Source: Resources & Energy Agency, MITI)

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JAPAN ENVISAGES 60-DAY OIL STOCKPILE (continued)

Outlined below are the financial assistance and the special taxational measures being granted by the Japanese Government to refiners under the current three-year program. It will be noted that the financial assistance and special measures (see pages 3 and 4) proposed for the new five-year plan are much more thoroughgoing than those for the current three-year plan.

(1) JPDC loan for crude oil import for stockpile use

By the end of fiscal 1973, the Japan Petroleum Development Corporation has granted a cumulative total amount of ¥18,000 million (or equivalent to approximately \$60 million) loan to Japanese refiners to help them purchase additional quantities of crude oil for stockpile use.

The foregoing amount of ¥18,000 million loan was budgeted in fiscal years 1972 and 1973 in the Petroleum Special Account: ¥6,000 million in the fiscal 1972 budget and ¥12,000 million in the fiscal 1973 budget. There was no budget for this purpose for fiscal 1974, because the time for budget compilation for fiscal 1974 coincided with the outbreak of the Middle East conflict which was accompanied by the oil production cut by the Arab oil-producing countries.

JPDC now is requesting the Ministry of Finance to approve the JPDC loan totalling ¥100,000 million during fiscal 1975 for the refiners' import of additional quantities of crude oil so as to increase the stockpile up to 60-day level. Obviously, the large increase in the amount of JPDC loan reflects the sharply increased prices of crude oils in post oil crisis months. (As a matter of practical procedure, JPDC loan is granted to a refiner after the refiner's stockpile at a specified level is confirmed, and hence the fiscal 1975 budget for the import during fiscal 1974.)

The JPDC loan is repayable in five years after the three-year grace period. The interest on the loan currently is set at "prime rate" minus 2.1 per cent per annum.

(2) JPDC's absorption of differential interest rate

JPDC borrowed the foregoing ¥18,000 million from outside with the guarantee by the Japanese Government at an annual interest rate "prime rate minus 0.1 per cent per annum" and re-lent the same amount to Japanese refiners at an annual interest rate "prime rate minus 2.1 per cent" as referred to above, JPDC absorbing the differential interest rate of 2 per cent per annum.

Against the loan totalling ¥18,000 million, JPDC absorbed the differential interest totalling ¥601 million.

(3) JDB loan for construction of crude oil storage tanks

Under the Fiscal Loan & Investment Program, the Japan Development Bank granted loan totalling ¥6,400 million to refiners during fiscal years 1972 & 1973, and will grant ¥6,000 million (estimated) during fiscal 1974 and ¥3,000 million (proposed) during fiscal 1975 to partly - i.e. 40 per cent - finance the construction of storage tanks.

The JDB loan is repayable in 15 years including the three-year grace period. The annual interest rate is currently set at 8.5 per cent.

(4) Special depreciation on crude oil storage tanks

(*) Current prime rate is set at 9.25 per cent p.a.

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An accelerated depreciation - i.e. 50 per cent higher than the ordinary depreciation - is allowed for the five-year period on the crude oil tanks built during the period from April 15, 1972 to March 31, 1975.

(5) Reduced property tax on crude oil storage tanks

The property tax rate on crude oil tanks built during the period from January 2, 1973 to March 31, 1975 is lowered by one-third down to two-thirds of the ordinary rate.

The following table shows the rapid growth of Japan's oil storage tank capacities as well as the oil inventory stocks during the past five years:

Tank Capacity (Unit: Cubic Meters)

| <u>Calendar Yearend</u> | <u>Crude Oil</u> | <u>Semi-Products</u> | <u>Products</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 1969 | 21,433,927 | 6,557,224 | 18,295,204 | 46,286,355 |
| 1970 | 25,951,225 | 8,414,046 | 20,273,142 | 54,638,413 |
| 1971 | 30,250,648 | 10,813,233 | 23,845,805 | 64,909,686 |
| 1972 | 38,833,154 | 13,623,329 | 26,927,554 | 79,384,037 |
| 1973 | 42,405,705 | 14,816,687 | 29,184,147 | 86,406,539 |
| Average annual growth (1973 vs 1969) | 18.6% | 22.6% | 12.4% | 16.9% |

Inventory Stocks (Unit: Kiloliters)

| <u>Calendar Yearend*</u> | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| 1969 | 9,155,377 | 3,392,323 | 9,042,093 | 21,589,793 |
| 1970 | 10,383,449 | 4,754,150 | 11,895,241 | 27,032,840 |
| 1971 | 14,219,893 | 4,558,427 | 12,924,057 | 31,702,377 |
| 1972 | 16,373,688 | 6,746,970 | 13,220,703 | 36,341,361 |
| 1973 | 20,432,659 | 7,603,401 | 15,657,902 | 43,693,962 |
| Average annual growth (1973 vs 1969) | 22.3% | 22.4% | 14.7% | 19.3% |

Fiscal Yearend*

| | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| 1969 | 9,785,250 | 3,048,159 | 7,226,016 | 20,059,425 |
| 1970 | 11,192,085 | 4,466,607 | 10,628,265 | 26,286,957 |
| 1971 | 13,240,537 | 5,401,990 | 11,480,669 | 30,123,196 |
| 1972 | 15,585,851 | 6,513,012 | 10,615,701 | 32,714,564 |
| 1973 | 19,424,149 | 7,278,959 | 12,750,805 | 39,453,913 |
| Average annual growth (1973 vs 1969) | 18.7% | 24.3% | 15.3% | 18.4% |

Rate of tank capacity utilization

| <u>Calendar Yearend</u> | | | | |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1969 | 42.7% | 51.7% | 49.4% | 46.6% |
| 1970 | 40.0 | 56.5 | 58.7 | 49.5 |
| 1971 | 47.0 | 42.2 | 54.2 | 48.8 |
| 1972 | 42.2 | 49.5 | 49.1 | 45.8 |
| 1973 | 48.2 | 51.3 | 53.7 | 50.6 |

(*) The semi-products and products inventory stocks as of the end of calendar year are normally higher than those as of the end of fiscal year, because the kerosene stockpile for household heating uses normally is used up at the end - i.e. March 31 - of each fiscal year.

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JAPAN INCREASES 90-DAY OIL STOCKPILE (continued)

The following table shows Japan's historical oil inventory stocks in terms of number of day-stocks, as computed by the MII formula - i.e. year-end inventory stocks against the inland consumption during the subsequent twelve-month period.

It is noted below that the fiscal 1973 year-end record of 58.6 day-stocks is nearly the 90-day target to be achieved by the end of fiscal 1974, but this apparent high level of stockpile in terms of day-stocks is simply attributable to the fact that the oil consumption during fiscal 1974 now is estimated to be lower than originally predicted - i.e. about the same level as the actual results for fiscal 1973.

| (Unit: Day-Stocks) | Crude Oil | Semi-Products | Products | Total |
|--------------------|-----------|---------------|----------|-------|
| Calendar Year-end: | | | | |
| 1969 | 17.9 | 6.6 | 17.6 | 42.1 |
| 1970 | 18.4 | 8.4 | 21.0 | 47.8 |
| 1971 | 23.5 | 7.5 | 21.4 | 52.4 |
| 1972 | 23.6 | 9.7 | 19.1 | 52.4 |
| 1973 | 30.4 | 11.3 | 23.3 | 64.9 |
| Fiscal Year-end: | | | | |
| 1969 | 18.3 | 5.7 | 13.5 | 37.5 |
| 1970 | 19.6 | 7.8 | 18.6 | 46.0 |
| 1971 | 21.2 | 8.6 | 18.4 | 48.2 |
| 1972 | 22.1 | 9.3 | 19.1 | 47.5 |
| 1973 | 28.9 | 10.8 | 18.9 | 58.6 |

Listed below is the latest available information on Japan's oil storage tank capacities on a company-to-company basis as of December 31, 1973:

| (Unit: Cubic Meters) | Refined Products | | | | Semi-Products |
|----------------------|------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|
| Oil companies | Crude Oils | Refineries | Terminals | Total | |
| Asahi Oil | 597,000 | 468,900 | - | 468,900 | 136,400 |
| Asahi-Kyoseki | 470,000 | 280,000 | - | 280,000 | 120,000 |
| Daikyo Oil | 1,313,400 | 381,317 | 549,195 | 930,512 | 483,980 |
| Esso Standard | - | - | 442,553 | 442,553 | - |
| Fuji Kosan | 629,000 | 179,950 | 70,480 | 230,430 | 81,600 |
| Fuji Oil | 1,686,000 | 443,500 | - | 443,500 | 523,000 |
| General Oil/ | 823,000 | 995,500 | 367,378 | 1,362,878 | 142,000 |
| General Oil Ref. | - | - | - | - | - |
| Idemitsu Kosan | 5,527,000 | 2,063,120 | 1,212,615 | 3,275,735 | 3,165,600 |
| Kansai Oil | 1,060,000 | 455,700 | - | 455,700 | 255,500 |
| Kashima Oil | 1,895,000 | 458,000 | - | 458,000 | 642,000 |
| Koa Oil | 1,179,800 | 516,800 | - | 516,800 | 1,045,200 |
| Kygnus Oil | - | - | 93,388 | 93,388 | - |
| Kyodo Oil | - | - | 641,398 | 641,398 | - |
| Kyokuto Petroleum | 810,000 | 586,500 | - | 586,500 | 422,000 |
| Kyushu Oil | 970,000 | 734,150 | - | 734,150 | 274,000 |
| Maruzen Oil | 1,630,815 | 1,328,273 | 572,493 | 1,900,766 | 925,133 |
| Mitsubishi Oil | 2,188,000 | 1,126,560 | 447,407 | 1,573,967 | 1,405,920 |
| Mobil Oil | - | - | 588,463 | 588,463 | - |
| Nansai Oil | 477,000 | 349,900 | - | 349,900 | 5,400 |
| Nichino Oil Ref. | 288,400 | 189,400 | - | 189,400 | 125,200 |

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| (Unit: Cubic Meters) | Crude Oils | Refined Products | | | Semi-Products |
|----------------------------------|------------|------------------|-----------|------------|---------------|
| | | Refineries | Terminals | Total | |
| Oil companies (cont'd) | | | | | |
| Nihonkai Oil | 490,000 | 24,000 | - | 24,000 | 198,200 |
| Nippon Mining | 1,523,102 | 775,113 | - | 775,113 | 411,502 |
| Nihon Seiro | 76,631 | 10,235 | - | 10,235 | 42,591 |
| Nippon Oil/Nippon Petroleum Ref. | 2,562,850 | 3,503,051 | 1,394,627 | 4,902,678 | 1,176,564 |
| Okinawa Pet. Ref. | 48,000 | 546,600 | - | 546,600 | 97,600 |
| Setbu Oil | 740,000 | 256,000 | - | 256,000 | 164,000 |
| Shell Oil | - | - | 1,253,227 | 1,253,227 | - |
| Showa Oil | 1,447,000 | 598,100 | 819,346 | 1,417,446 | 148,374 |
| Showa-Yokkachi | 2,028,927 | 440,165 | - | 440,165 | 601,658 |
| Taiyo Oil | 372,200 | 102,553 | 1,070 | 105,623 | 93,714 |
| Taisei Topping | 10,200 | 16,770 | 6,550 | 23,320 | 100 |
| Toa Nenryo | 3,180,578 | 1,063,333 | - | 1,063,333 | 1,155,841 |
| Toa Oil | 168,000 | 137,000 | - | 137,000 | 203,800 |
| Toa-Kyoseki | 860,000 | 234,000 | - | 234,000 | 293,000 |
| Toho Oil | 441,000 | 179,000 | - | 179,000 | 11,500 |
| Tohoku Oil | 694,000 | 397,400 | - | 397,400 | 437,200 |
| Toyo Pet. Ref. | 123,000 | 156,200 | - | 156,200 | 28,110 |
| Sub-total | 36,348,905 | 19,004,090 | 8,460,190 | 27,464,280 | 14,816,687 |

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|--------------------|------------|---|--------|--------|---|
| Nippon Oil | 4,222,000* | - | - | - | - |
| Staging Terminal | - | - | - | - | - |
| Ogishima Terminal | 504,000 | - | - | - | - |
| Okinawa Terminal | 1,200,800 | - | - | - | - |
| Kansai Minas Kusan | 130,000 | - | 53,000 | 53,000 | - |
| Sub-total | 6,056,800 | - | 53,000 | 53,000 | - |

Trading companies

| | | | | | |
|-----------------|---|---|-----------|-----------|---|
| Mitsui | - | - | 211,450 | 211,450 | - |
| Mitsubishi | - | - | 268,000 | 268,000 | - |
| C. Itoh | - | - | 39,560 | 39,560 | - |
| Marubeni | - | - | 165,850 | 165,850 | - |
| Sumitomo | - | - | 14,000 | 14,000 | - |
| Daito Tsusho | - | - | 91,700 | 91,700 | - |
| Kamei Shoten | - | - | 31,312 | 31,312 | - |
| Nissho-Iwai | - | - | 143,450 | 143,450 | - |
| Kanematsu-Gosho | - | - | 257,090 | 257,090 | - |
| Hayashikane | - | - | 29,960 | 29,960 | - |
| Sub-total | - | - | 1,252,372 | 1,252,372 | - |

Others

| | | | | | |
|--------------------|---|---|---------|---------|---|
| Nihon Oil Terminal | - | - | 109,890 | 109,890 | - |
| Tozai Oil Terminal | - | - | 172,045 | 172,045 | - |
| Others | - | - | 129,760 | 129,760 | - |
| Sub-total | - | - | 411,695 | 411,695 | - |

Grand total 42,405,705 19,004,090 10,177,257 29,181,347 14,816,687

(*) Scheduled to be expanded up to 6,600,000 M³ by May, 1975.

(Source: MITI)